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Applicant: Alan B. Shuey

Serial No. 10/029,087

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Examiner: Ruth C. Rodriguez

Assignee: Ductmate Industries, Inc.

Title of Invention:

Releasable Cable Grip

Attorney Docket No. 010071

**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES
TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.131)**

BY Alan B. Shuey

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PURPOSE OF DECLARATION

This Declaration is to establish completion of the invention in this application in the United States at a date prior to December 7, 2001, the effective date of U.S. Patent No. 6,546,600 to Lyons.

The person making this Declaration is Alan B. Shuey.

FACTS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

To establish the date of completion of the invention in this application, the following is attached and submitted as evidence.

Exhibit A - Invoices and drawings showing that the Releasable Cable Grip as shown in the drawings in the application existed prior to December 7, 2001 (the dates of the invoices and drawings have been deleted along with other confidential information.).

Prior to December 7, 2001, I completed the invention as claimed and described in the application as evidenced by the following:

- a. Prior to December 7, 2001, having earlier conceived the idea of a Releasable Cable Grip as claimed, I contacted a company to manufacture parts for the Releasable Cable Grip as evidenced by Exhibit A. The documents in Exhibit A were all dated prior to December 7, 2001.
- b. From Exhibit A, it can be seen that the invention was made prior to December 7, 2001.

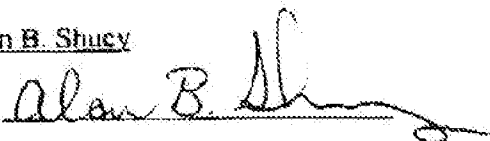
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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR:

Inventor Name: Alan B. Shucy

Inventor's signature



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<u>To</u>	: Ductmate Industries	<u>Attn</u>	: Tim Omstead
<u>Subject</u>	: Quote 192 - Gripple	<u>Pages</u>	: 1 incl. cover

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QUOTATION: Q/RF/D/192

Dear Tim,

Thank you for your email dated [REDACTED]. While we are still working on the other Gripple parts, please find below the price of Gripple Part No2.

Gripple Part No. 2 : US\$ [REDACTED]
(as per the sample)

This price is quoted to you on the basis of Gripple Part No. 3 and proportional weight of Gripple Part No. 2. This is due to the fact that our factory hasn't seen the sample of Gripple Part No.2 yet (it is currently on its way).

In regarding to the price to the door, East Monongahela, we suggest you add approximately 7% considering minimum order of 20' ft. container. (Please note we do not yet have a confirmation as to the custom duty on the product and hence custom duty charges are not considered in the price. Kindly make a note of it).

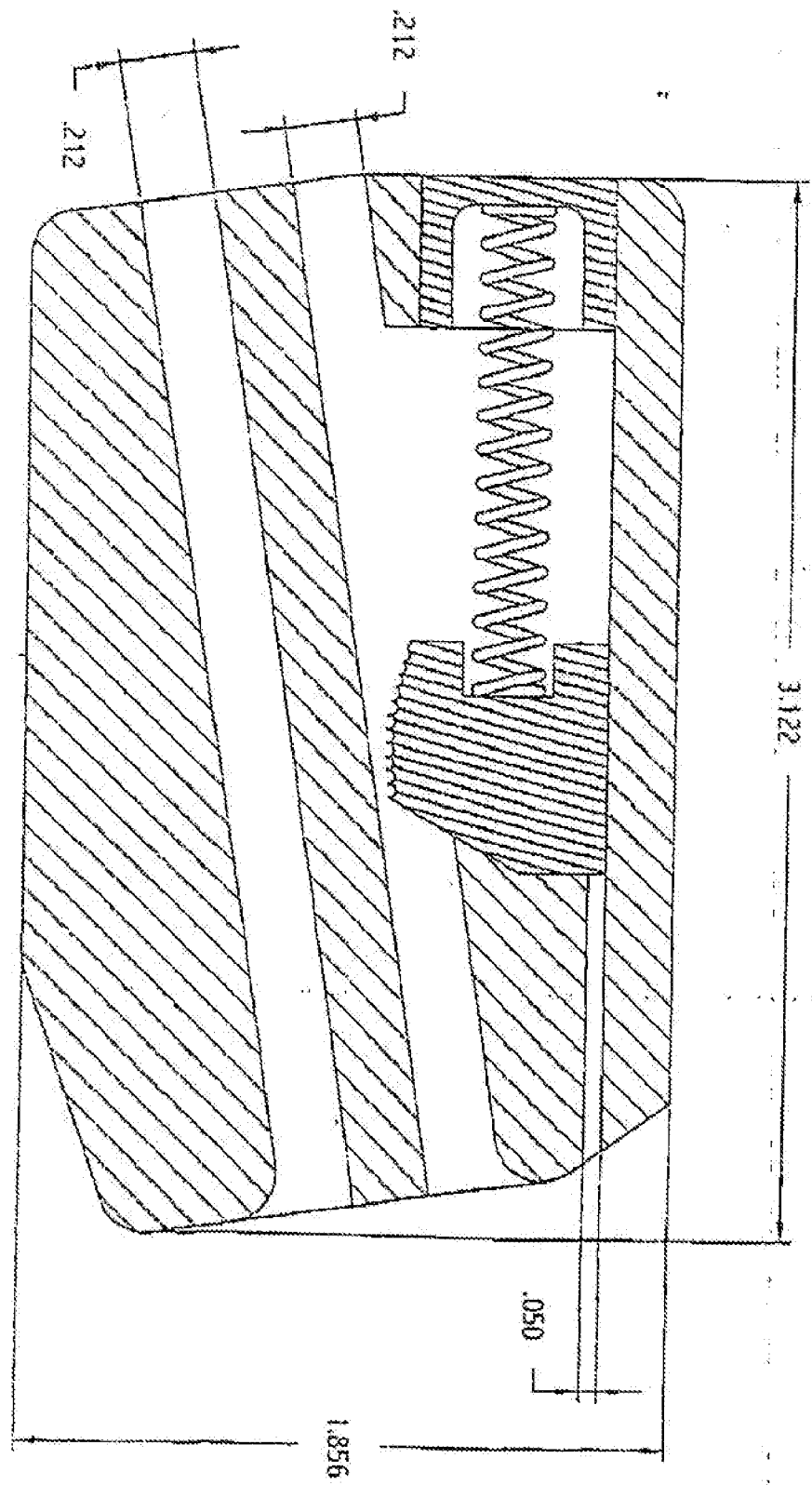
Thank you once again and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

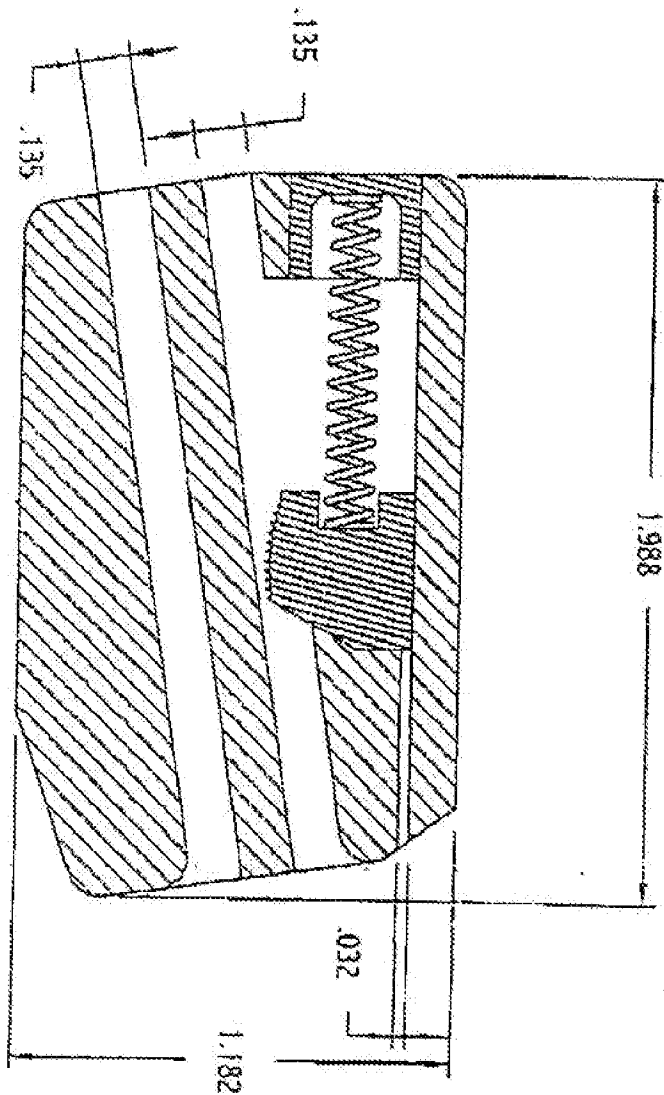
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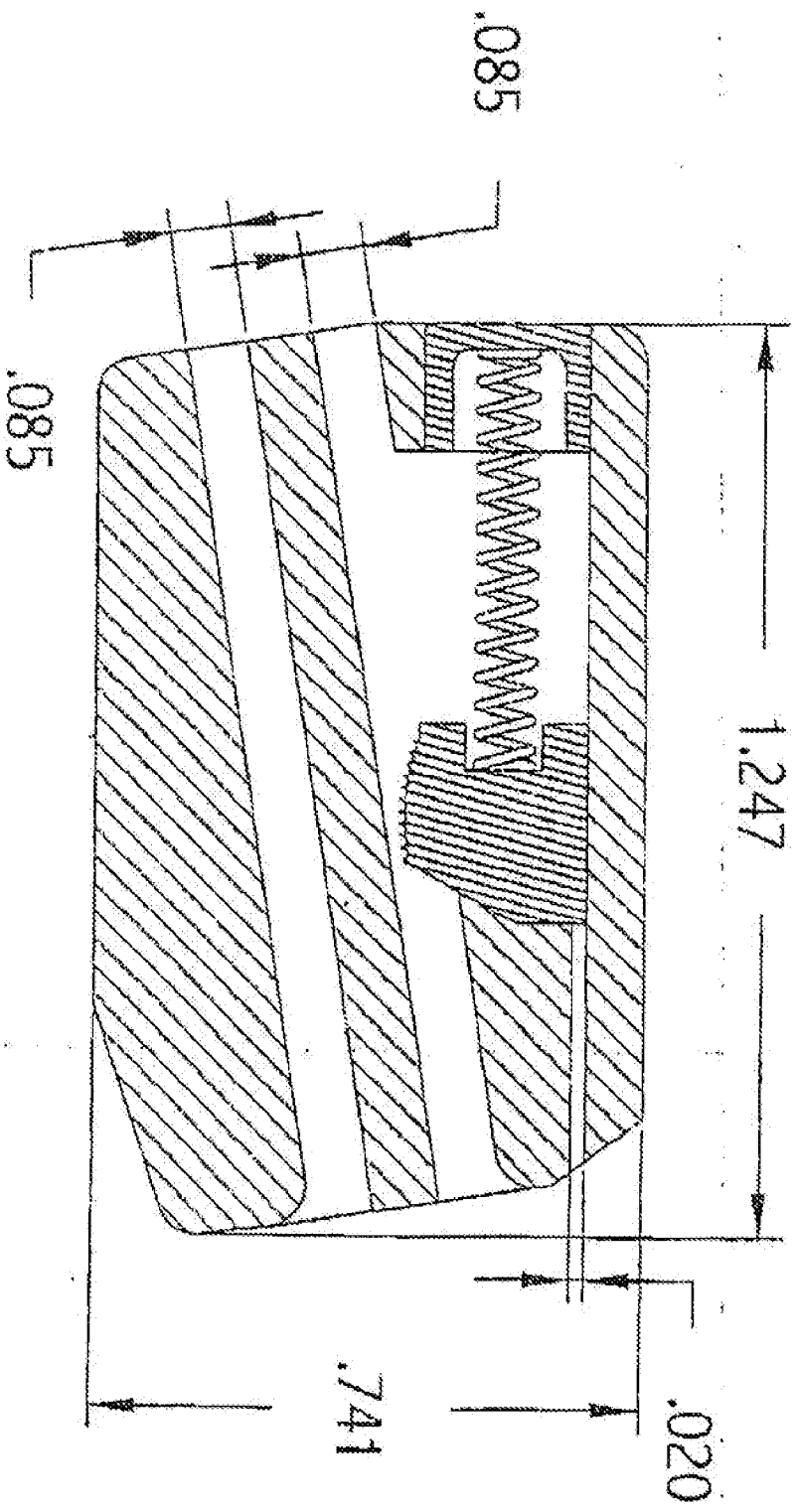




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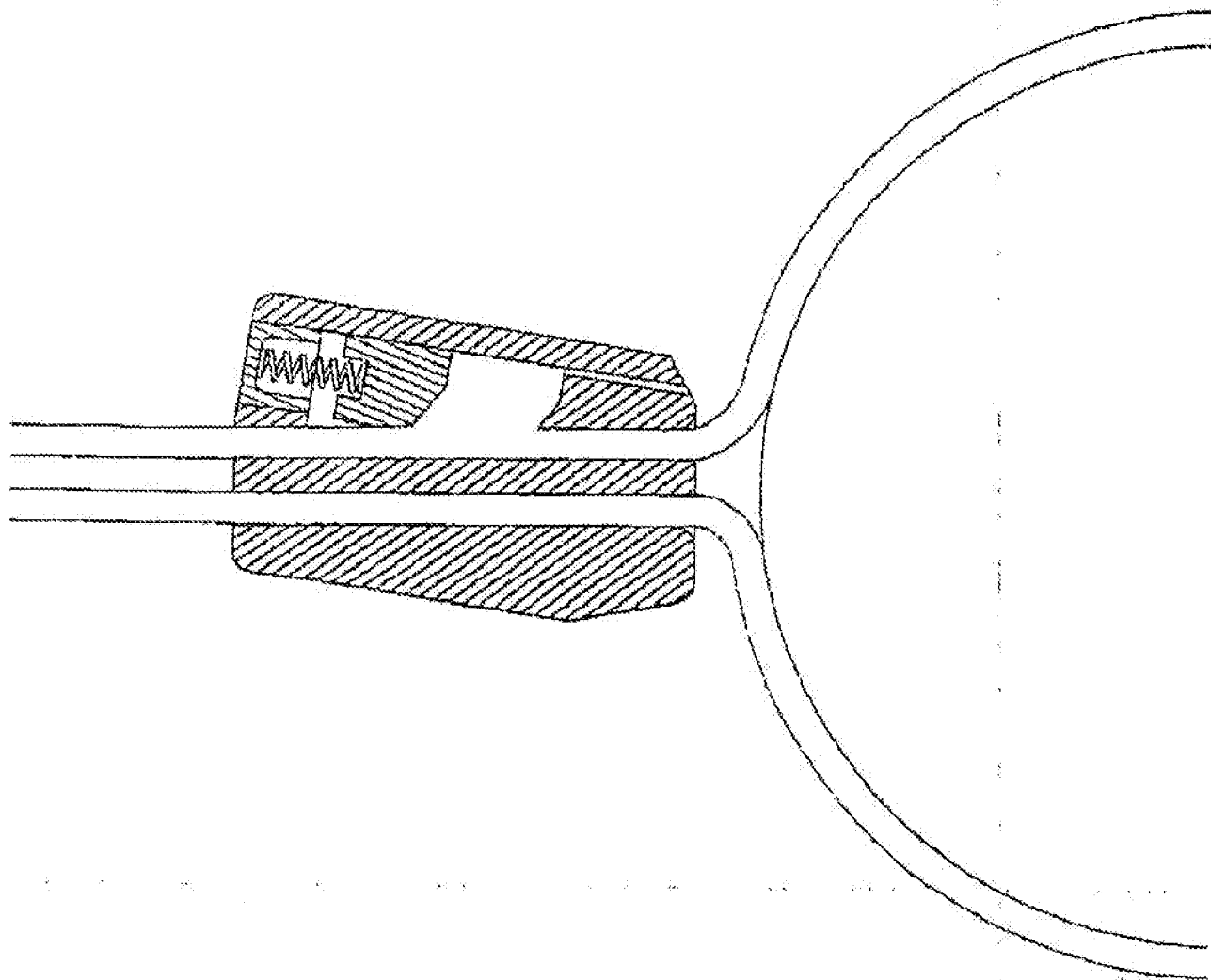


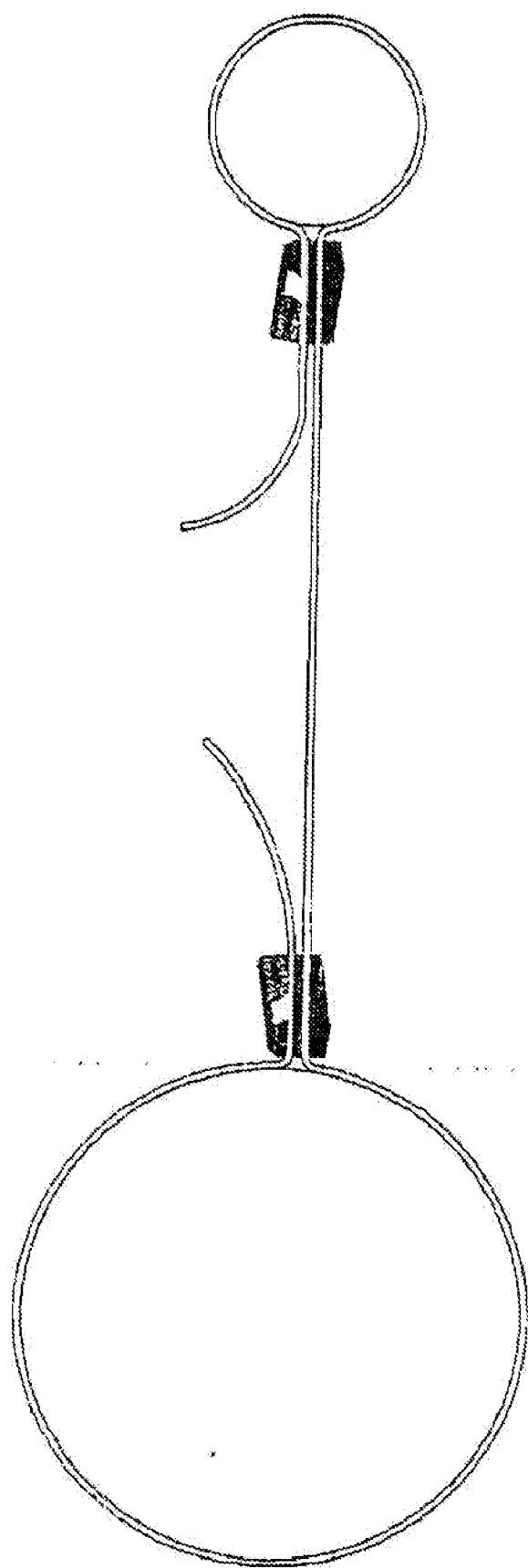
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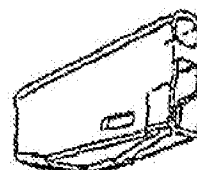


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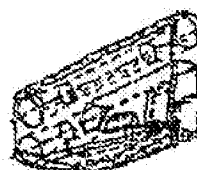
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Dear Alan,

As per our recent discussions we are pleased to submit our complete proposal for the Gripple product.

Gripple Product Price List

Gripple Product	Quantities/Pieces	Price US\$/each unit
Gripple No. 2	100,000	[REDACTED]
Gripple No. 3	100,000	[REDACTED]
Gripple No. 4	50,000	[REDACTED]

Pricing: The above prices are FOB Door, *subject to verification from US customs regarding duties (we have estimated this to be duty free)*. Prices are valid for a maximum of two shipments per order. There will be a minor price increase due to the custom packaging requirements. We will revert back with pricing including packing charges.

Development: Lead-time for the dies is 60 days, plus any delays due to national holidays

Delivery: Shipment one (50% order): 45 days after approval of samples, plus 40 days for FOB Door delivery. Shipment 2 (remainder of order) can be dispatched within 30 days of dispatch of shipment one.

Packing: All Gripple Products will be packed 20 pieces per poly-bag, and packed 10 bags per carton.

Payment: Net 40 Days from receipt of goods.

We look forward to your confirmation of the terms above in order to proceed with development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke. Below the signature is a thick, dark horizontal line, possibly a stamp or a heavy underline.

[REDACTED] USA, INC.

Branch Office:

Blacksburg, VA 24060, USA
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